

FINAL Minutes of the July 23, 2015 Meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission

The regular quarterly meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission (MNCC) was held July 23, 2015, at The Mayfield, 6072 South Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Chairman Thomas Baliga called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Baliga opened the meeting by explaining that the MNCC meeting was held pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Baliga asked Marcie Vasta, a representative for the Chicago Department of Aviation, to record the minutes.

The following members were **present**:

Mayor David Brady – Bedford Park
Norma Pinion – Bridgeview (*Representing Mayor Steve Landek*)
Mayor Harry Klein – Burbank
Tom Sheahan – Lyons (*Representing Mayor Christopher Getty*)
Mitch Milenkovic – Stickney (*Representing Mayor Deborah Morelli*)
Mayor Sergio Rodriguez – Summit
Gail Conwell – Chicago Ward 13
Nance Dulaj – Chicago Ward 13
Joseph Loduca – Chicago Ward 13
Kenneth Pannaralla – Chicago Ward 13
Thomas Baliga – Chicago Ward 14
Christopher Koczwarra – Chicago Ward 14
Stan Lihosit – Chicago Ward 14
Michael Boland – Chicago Department of Aviation (*Representing Commissioner Ginger Evans*)

The following members were **not present**:

Mayor Larry Dominick – Cicero
Mayor Richard Grenvich – Forest View
Frank Damato – Cook County (*Representing Board President Toni Preckwinkle*)

Also present:

Aaron Frame, Assistant Commissioner – Chicago Department of Aviation
Forest Lombaer, Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel – Chicago Department of Law
Sarah Contreras, Senior Consultant – Landrum & Brown
Marcie Vasta, Administrative Assistant – Residential Sound Insulation Program

Quorum was met with 14 of the 17 members present.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Baliga asked if there were any changes to the April 23, 2015 meeting minutes. There were no changes and a motion to approve was made by Ms. Pinion and seconded by Mr. Pannaralla. The motion passed unanimously.

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION (“CDA”) REPORT

A. Presentation: 2nd Quarter 2015 Airport Noise Management System (“ANMS”) Report

Mr. Frame asked Ms. Contreras of Landrum & Brown to present the 2nd Quarter 2015 Airport Noise Management System Report.

Ms. Contreras pointed out that the Midway Noise Management webpage, indicated on the cover page of the ANMS Report, also contains all of the following report. She then provided a brief overview of the information contained in the report and proceeded with the details.

Runway Use Report

In the 2nd quarter the most used departure runway departing to the northwest was 31C with 39% of all departures for all hours. The most used arrival runway was 04L/04R coming in from the southwest with 46%.

April – The most used departure runway was 31C with 42% which equates to approximately 141 flights daily. Next was 04L/04R with 33%, followed by 22L/22R with 24% and last 13C with 1%.

The most used arrival runway was 04L/04R with 49%, followed by 31C with 31%, 22R/22L with 20% and 13C with 0%.

May – The most used departure runway was 22L/22R with 38%, followed by 31C with 31%, 04L/04R with 27% and 13C with 4%.

The most used arrival runway was 04L/04R with 42%, the next was 22L/22R with 40%, followed by 31C with 18%, and 13C with 0%.

June – The most used departure runway was 31C with 43%, followed by 22L/22R with 30%, 04L/04R with 25% and 13C with 2%.

The most used arrival runway was 04L/04R with 48%, followed by 31C with 27%, 22R/22L with 25% and 13C with 0%.

Airline Fleet Mix Report

There was an average of 699 operations per day with 85 of those occurring at night. Southwest Airlines had the highest operations with an average of 471 operations per day with 68 of those occurring at night. The B737 used almost exclusively by Southwest was the most used aircraft with an average of 474

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operations per day. General Aviation followed with 174 operations per day 7 of which were helicopters.

Ms. Contreras noted that Frontier shows zero operations and that is due to the moving of their operations to O'Hare.

Permanent Noise Monitor Locations

The report indicates the addresses of the 12 noise monitor locations near the airport as reflected in relation to the Midway 2018 Noise Contour. The report shows the results for April 2015 through June 2015 with quarterly breakdowns and a 12 month rolling average. The 2nd quarter 2015 results are compared to those of the 2nd quarter of 2014. As of last quarter, the report includes the ward boundaries.

Noise Hotline Report

The total number of complaints for the 2nd quarter was 4,844, which was a notable increase from the 1st quarter. Of that total, 3,048 were from Chicago and 2,168 of those calls came from 3 Chicago addresses. The total nighttime complaints were 1,421. Chairman Baliga asked if the majority of the complaints were submitted online and Ms. Contreras confirmed that 95% of them were.

B. Long-Term Portable Noise Monitor Report

Mr. Frame discussed the placement of the first of two long-term portable monitors. This quarter the southwest monitor was deployed at Reavis High School in Burbank. The June data indicated a measured value of 55.2 DNL. The distance of that monitor to the center of the airport is 2.5 miles and 2 miles to the edge of the runway. The monitor will remain at the Burbank location until the end of August 2015.

Mr. Lihosit asked what the DNL level is for school qualification. Mr. Frame responded that the level is 60 DNL.

Mr. Frame stated that as soon as the other monitor is installed in the southeast quadrant he will report the results.

Ms. Conwell asked for an update on the possibility that the airlines could switch the current flight path to relieve some of the noise issues being experienced in Burbank. Mr. Frame responded that use of the current flight procedure began in February 2014. The situation is being evaluated, the winds are being taken into consideration along with the number of flights occurring. The second quarter of 2014 will be compared to the 2015 second quarter. Mr. Frame will report back with the results.

Ms. Conwell asked if there is more helicopter traffic now. Mr. Frame responded that two privately owned heliports have opened on the south side contributing to the increase. They are not affiliated with Midway.

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Mayor Klein asked if the FAA will be meeting with Midway area residents like they are with the O'Hare residents. Mr. Frame explained that the reason for the meeting at O'Hare is due to the use of the additional runway and the changes incurred by that addition.

C. Status of New Permanent Noise Monitor (Site 314)

A permanent noise monitor has been installed in the northeast quadrant at 40th and Albany. The City is currently working with ComEd on the installation of an electric meter and once that has been completed the collection of data will begin.

Ms. Contreras also responded to Mr. Lihosit's question regarding Site 314. She stated that the altitude of 22L aircraft that approach over Bridgeport should be 1700 feet above ground level.

Mr. Frame informed the Commission that the CDA has launched a flight tracker on the Midway webpage. The tracker provides on-screen access, with a twenty minute delay, to view the aircraft arriving to and departing from Midway. He will provide more details regarding the program at the next MNCC meeting.

CHAIRS REPORT

A. Update on Noise Abatement Programs at the Washington, DC Airports

Mr. Frame researched the questions asked at the previous meeting pertaining to the regulating of airport operations.

In 1990 Congress passed the Airport Noise and Capacity Act that made it difficult to restrict airport operations. Reagan Airport, in Washington DC, had a nighttime noise rule in place since 1981 and as a result was grandfathered. Hence, the 1990 law did not apply to Reagan for that reason. For airports such as Midway and O'Hare that were not grandfathered, the Federal government implements regulations to administer the law which mandates that airlines continue to update their fleet.

Chairman Baliga requested that Mr. Frame provide copies of that law for the Commission members.

Ms. Pinion asked the age of the Midway Noise Commission and Mr. Frame stated that it began in 1996 and is currently 19 years old.

B. Residential Sound Insulation Sub-Committee Report

Ms. Conwell presented the Residential Sound Insulation Sub-committee Report (see attached).

Chairman Baliga asked if the work is on schedule and Mr. Frame responded that it is. This summer and fall the CDA will work on 2,000 to 2,200 homes. That number is greater than the Program has ever done previously in a single phase.

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Chairman Baliga inquired about property inspections. He asked if an illegal conversion was detected would only the portion in violation be dropped or the whole unit. Mr. Frame responded that the DOB instructed that the whole building be dropped if a unit was found with an illegal conversion.

Ms. Dulaj asked about the eligibility of a home located at 7200 S. Avers. Mr. Frame stated that it was no longer in the Noise Contour so it would not be eligible.

In response to Chairman Baliga's question from last meeting about the location of the declines, Mr. Frame provided a chart indicating the drops and no responses. There are approximately 1,600 dwelling units in 900 buildings. The RSIP documented 1400 no responses.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chairman Baliga asked if there were any further questions or new business requiring further discussion. With none, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lihosit and seconded by Ms. Conwell.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Baliga adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m. and informed those present that the next meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at The Mayfield, Chicago.

Chicago Midway International Airport Residential Sound Insulation Program Sub-Committee Report July 23, 2015

Regarding property inspections,

- Buildings were inspected to verify that illegal dwelling units were not being sound-insulated.
- A preliminary inspection checklist was completed by Program staff for 1,396 dwelling units in buildings identified as single-family through 4 units by the Cook County Assessor.
- The inspection included identifying the kitchens, bathrooms, and bedrooms on each floor, as well as the exits, ceiling heights, utility meters, mailboxes, etc.
- Program office staff compared the information to what is stated on the Cook County Assessor's website.
- Only 69 building inspection checklists totaling 151 units needed to be forwarded to the City's Department of Buildings for further inspection.
- DOB determined that 25 buildings contained illegal conversions. Of those 25 buildings, 12 were located in Archer Heights, 1 in West Elsdon, 1 in West Lawn, 7 in Clearing, and 4 in Garfield Ridge.
- As a result, the CDA dropped 57 dwelling units in those 25 buildings from the Program. These 57 dwelling units represent 4% of all units inspected.
- Several DOB determinations are still pending.

For Phase 15,

- There are currently 2,142 dwelling units enrolled in the Program.
- Property inspections have been conducted on 99% of the single-family through 4 unit buildings units enrolled in the Program.
- Home inventories have been completed on 95% of the dwelling units enrolled in the Program.
- For the 500 homes in Bid Package 1, construction is in progress and 41% of them are substantially complete.

- For the 500 homes in Bid Package 2, field measurements are complete and construction is scheduled to commence next month.
- For Bid Packages 3 and 4 which contain 400 homes each, the CDA issued Notices to Proceed in July. Each contract is in the product submittal phase and field measurements are scheduled to commence in August.
- Bid Package 5 contains an additional 400 homes and is being packaged for award and should be awarded later this month.
- All Phase 15 homes are scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2016.